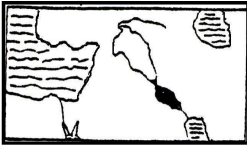


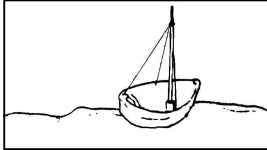
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- The small trees bushes grew along the riverbanks
- Short grasses
- Dry land
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2. Economics



- Distributed by donkey, oxen, and boats
- Traded with neighbours
- Traded extra grain, wool, oil, clothing, and leather for ivory, precious stones, metals, timber, etc.

3. Religion and Philosophy



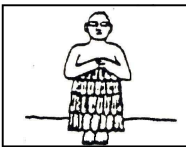
- Priests, priestess directed prayers, offerings, and religious festivals.
- Worshipped 300 deities; believed there was deity for everything
- Built ziggurats to worship deities; each ziggurat had a deity living at the top

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Schools were located in ziggurat; studied arithmetic, reading, writing, and religious studies
- Girls did not go to school; boys of wealthy families went to school

5. Political Science



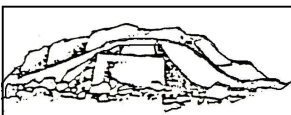
- 1st leaders were priest; had religious and government responsibilities
- Had kings; when ruler dies, replaced with relative
- When conflicts increased military leaders were chosen as rulers; they took role of king and enforce laws.

6. Sociology



- Men: head of household; women: had some rights, financially dependent on husbands; slaves: most Sumerians treated fairly
- People live with their families
- There was upper, middle, and lower class, plus kings and slaves

7. History



- Develop engineering, develop an efficient number system
- In 3250 BCE, first wheel for transportation
- First to irrigate field, study the stars